

Public Law 109-108
Commerce-Justice-Science
Appropriations Conference Report

SEC. 412. It is the sense of the Congress that the amount of any loan for the renovation of the United Nations headquarters building located in New York, New York, should not exceed \$600,000,000: Provided, That if any loan exceeds \$600,000,000, the Secretary of State shall notify the Congress of the current cost of the renovation and cost containment measures. (Amdt authored by Senator Sessions)

**JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE
COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**

**PAYMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND
DISABILITY FUND**

The House and Senate bills did not include language that was included in the budget request authorizing the United States Government to use funds for the payment of interest costs to the United Nations for a loan for the renovation of its headquarters. The conferees are concerned with the estimated costs of the renovation, and are aware that the U.N. Under Secretary General for Management is currently reviewing the estimated cost of the renovation. The conferees direct the Department of State to provide the Committees on Appropriations a report of the results of these findings. The conference agreement includes section 412 expressing the sense of the Congress that the loan amount for the headquarters renovation should not exceed \$600,000,000.